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Utah Highway Patrol Weekly Report

Tour Bus Crash



On Monday August 9, 2010 at approximately 6:40pm, a vehicle traveling Northbound on Interstate-15 at mile post 66 went off the roadway and crashed. The crash site location is located 4 miles North of Cedar City, Utah. The vehicle was a white 2006 Ford E350 shuttle bus registered to Canyon Transportation Company out of Salt Lake City, Utah. The shuttle bus driver, a 26 year old male, from Las Vegas, Nevada lost control of the vehicle and ran off the roadway to the left side. The vehicle rolled 1 ½ times ending up on its top. Three occupants, two males and one female, were ejected

from the vehicle and killed instantly. A total of 15 individuals, including the driver, were on the tour bus. All individuals were of Japanese descent. The tour bus was traveling from Las Vegas, Nevada to Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah when it crashed. The tour originated in Las Vegas with the intent to tour the State of Utah for 4 days. A total of 13 ambulance vehicles responded to the scene which included 8 paramedics and 18 EMT's on board. Of the 15 patients, 7 were taken by medical helicopter or aircraft to the University of Utah Medical Center, Intermountain Medical Center and Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. The remaining patients were taken to Valley View Medical Center in Cedar City, Utah. Injuries ranged from minor to critical status. Ages of the victims ranged from age 14 through 60 years of age. Three individuals were killed.

DUI / Section 16 Weekly Report



During the week of August 3, 2010 through August 8, 2010 the Section 16 compiled the following Stats

DUI Arrest	28
Not A Drop	0
Metabolite	0
Alcohol Restricted	0
Minor in Possession	1
Ignition Interlock	1
Drug Related Arrests	8
Open Container Violation	0
Total Vehicle Stops	242



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Criminal Interdiction



On August 12, 2010, a corporal stopped a vehicle with a single male on I-80 in Salt Lake County for traffic offense. During the course of the stop, the corporal became suspicious of criminal activity after the driver's travel plans appeared made up. He deployed K-9 Tank around the outside of the vehicle. K-9 Tank gave a positive indication. A probable cause search revealed 6 lbs of high grade marijuana. The driver was coming from California and was going to Ohio. The driver refused to cooperate with investigators.



On August 11, 2010, a trooper stopped a vehicle on I-80 in Salt Lake County. During the course of the stop, he became suspicious of criminal activity. He conducted a search of the vehicle and noticed the speaker box had been tampered with. A search of the speaker revealed 4.9 lbs of ecstasy. The drugs were coming from California and going to Colorado. A corporal assisted him during the search.

Fatal Crashes



On August 7, 2010, a five vehicle accident occurred on Highway 150 in Summit County. Two vehicles were traveling westbound and came to stop in the lane to make a turn. A third vehicle came from behind and rear ended the vehicles. One of the vehicle was pushed into the eastbound lanes where two motorcycles were traveling. One of the riders from a Harley motorcycle collided with a white SUV and died on scene from the crash. He was wearing a helmet but suffered serious internal injuries.



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On August 12, 2010, a fatal crash occurred in Section 8, Tooele County on I-80 near Wendover, Utah. The driver of a vehicle experienced a medical problem and the vehicle went off the road and rolled. The driver of the vehicle died on scene.



On Monday August 9, 2010 at approximately 2345 hours a 03 Harley Davidson Motorcycle was traveling Westbound on SR-6 near milepost 139 from Eureka, UT. The motorist was traveling with two other motorcycles. The driver of lost control on a curve and went on to the grassy shoulder. The driver was thrown from the motorcycle and skidded several feet before impacting a cedar post and barbed wire fence. The rider received critical injuries and was transported to the U of U by air. He later died from his injuries.

On August 11, 2010, a crash occurred on State Road 201 at 8000 West in Salt Lake County in Section 4. A 32 yr old female died on scene. Trooper Todd Johnson assisted media with the information.

From the Field



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On August 12, 2010, the largest marijuana farm was found in Utah this year. The Garfield County Sheriff's Office located well over 17,000 marijuana plants in two locations roughly 5 miles east of the town of Boulder. The Utah Highway Patrol SERT and the UHP helicopter assisted during the operation. No arrests were made. We want to thank our members of our SERT and UHP Aero for their assistance. They haven't stop working on these types of operations this summer. We have seen an increasing number of these marijuana growths in

Monday, August 9, 2010, a fatal crash occurred at 1800 North 500 West in Clinton, a Chevrolet pickup truck drove around the railroad crossing arms. A southbound FrontRunner UTA train traveling southbound at approximately 80 mph struck the passenger side of the pickup. The train pushed the truck approximately ½ mile down the tracks before coming to a stop. One of the 18 train occupants was transported to McKay Dee Hospital with minor injuries as a precaution. Clinton City and Davis County requested the Utah Highway Patrol handle the investigation. Trooper Arik Beesley handled it.



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On August 12, 2010, three people were in critical condition after a construction truck slid off an I-15 overpass and into traffic on the road below. The truck driver didn't realize he was on the shoulder of the interstate. The driver of the truck became confused.

On August 8, 2010 a trooper from the DUI Squad initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for traffic offense at approximately 3400 South 700 West in South Salt Lake City. The driver of the vehicle failed to yield and a pursuit was initiated. The trooper noticed the pursuit was becoming extremely dangerous and terminated it. The vehicle was later found abandoned. A containment was set up but the suspect was not located.

On Friday August 6, a trooper from Section 21, the SLC College was involved in a crash in Salt Lake City at 200 West 500 South. A vehicle ran the red light at the intersection and collided with his patrol vehicle. No injuries were reported.



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